

Friends of the Urban Forest Board
Minutes for March 15th, 2016 Meeting

Attendance

Board Members

Anton Brennick
Phil Cammack
Sharon Chebul
Charlie O'Leary

Staff

Kellee Anderson
Jenny Hershberger
Butte Silver Bow Government
JP Gallagher

Guests

Dan Olsen

Call to order.

Minutes reviewed. Phil motioned to approve, Anton seconded, approved.

Dan mentioned that he is not seeing the published minutes on the Butte-Silver Bow Government website. Jenny will look into it.

Financial report. Everything is up to date, as of last meeting. Headwaters will not be charging for their services any longer. We fit under the Butte-Silver Bow Government account. Per Charlie's request, Friends of Urban Forest Account has been separated from the pool. Bills from Tizer Botanic Gardens were presented. Quote from Pioneer Equipment was presented. Will add pruner and staples to quote. Will need 50 tree guards from AM Leonard. Phil motioned to order from Pioneer Equipment and AM Leonard, seconded by Sharon, approved. When we get tools, be sure to mark so not to get lost.

Treebate form. Dan commented on poor quality of copied version last year. Jenny let him know that we have original artwork this year, so quality should be better. Reviewed voucher for this year. Clearer instruction has been made. This year's version is condensed. Would like to have 105 vouchers printed and ready to go by May 1st. Business vouchers are a pilot program. Brainstorm on what businesses may be interested in matching program and approach them.

Elizabeth Warren Blvd planting. 19 trees have been ordered. Plant May 21st. Phil is going to see where pipes might be and ask Trish for trailer for dirt. Or, could use Phil's truck. Neighbors helped water last time. Perhaps they would be willing to water again. Or, could ask Janel about water tank. Kellee will invite volunteers to plant.

Koprivica Park. Kellee presented her drawings, pending approval from Jennifer Shaw. Who would pay for trees?

Charlie Judd Park. Kellee showed her drawings. There is public interest in having a school garden and compost pile there. There is irrigation. This project would be funded by Arbor Day Grant. Will have toba hawthorns and apple trees. Need to order, pending parks and recreation decision. Aim to plant on May 13th.

DNRC program development grant is no longer available to us because we won the Tree City of the Year Award.

East Butte RRA project proposal. Tie grant into Victory Circle (which is under Tree City and SARTA grants). Add to perimeter/sidewalk trees.

Tree City of the Year Award. Made conference call with Jamie Kirby. We won tree city. Will invite governor once location and date are set for celebration. Kellee presented pictures of others' celebrations. Kellee has a plan for Victory Circle, which is the project that won Tree City of the Year. Jamie will work with us to celebrate. Initially need to set date, location and budget. DNRC will provide state celebration tree. We can choose what species we want. DNRC will also provide plaque, shovels, etc. Set date for May 6th at noon. Ceremony with governor, CEO, chairman of board and DNRC Director. Marching band could play, let's ask JP if he could get us in touch with correct contact. Charlie will invite environmental booths. DNRC will hand out 200 blue spruce seedlings. NW Energy may be willing to have info about utility lines and trees. We could offer tree bates vouchers. Tree planting blitz on Mercury. Soda pop may be provided by acquaintance of Charlie's. Jamie suggested we talk with high school principal to drum up participation with students. Jamie has education prep materials. Anton may be able to get Smokey Bear. Kellee will seek volunteers. Phil will seek donations for refreshments and lunch. Phil will also call Wagner's and have ceremonial tree delivered to Emma Park (location of celebration). Jamie will send check list for us to do. Has a PA system and podium to bring. Suggests we have parks and rec prep for planting of ceremonial tree. Jamie needs crew of volunteers (nursing home, etc.) for preparing seedlings to hand out. She has a public affairs person to run press releases, etc. Ended our call with Jamie. Discussion about what type of tree to have for celebration. Anton recommended choosing a native doug fir for celebration tree.

Tree Works. Anton placed inventory in Google Earth. Now anyone can hover over trees and see details. 4,200 trees inventoried in 2012. Can subset and test accuracy. At first glance, looks fairly accurate. Dan suggested tree trimmers can validate tree inventory as they are at trees. Anton can send KLM file to open in Google Earth. Dan is willing to confirm trees as trimmed. Anton suggested keeping files updated through Pat Reardon, the GIS guy. Over time, we can track what has been successful.

Arborist. Meeting is scheduled for March 21st, recommendation from MSU. Karen thinks we will have clearer idea of what needs to be done at that time. Kellee will have more info to share after that meeting. Charlie is happy to call special meeting, to keep things moving along.

Tree near post office on Galena Street still has a gator. Charlie thinks it is time to undo gator. Kellee will approach property owner.

Tree replacement sites reviewed.

Charlie asked that MSU Extension house the master list of things to do.

Next meeting is March 19th at 1pm in Business Development Center.

Meeting adjourned.